Closing or shifting of Research Institutes of Central Farms in Orissa

855. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Farms and Research Institutes in Orissa under the agriculture sector either closed or shifted out of the State;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of persons who have been rendered jobless thereby; and

(d) the details of infrastructure created for these farms and institutes and whether these are being utilized at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) No Central Farm or Research Institute under agriculture sector was either closed or shifted out of the State during the ongoing Tenth Five Year Plan.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Development of floriculture in H.P.

856. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the advantages of various agro climatic zones in Himachal Pradesh for the development of the floriculture and the required infrastructure; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Himachal have examined the potentiality of development of floriculture.

(b) The Government of Himachal identified 9 districts for promotion of floriculture in respect of production of cut flowers, seed/bulb and planting materials etc. considering the agro-climatic conditions, edaphic factors, availability of irrigation and transport facilities. The details are given in the Statement.